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No. 97

Subject: Transmitting exchange of communications with Foreign Office concerning the arrest of Anna Louise Strong.

The Officer in Charge refers to Embassy telegram No. 393 of February 17, 1949, and previous on arrest of Anna Louise Strong,
and has the honor to transmit for the records of the Department the following copies of correspondence exchanged between the Embassy and the Soviet Ministry of For ign Affairs in this connection:

1. Two copies of Embassy note no. C-54 dated February 15, 1949, to Foreign Office,

2. One copy and two copies of translation of Foreign Office note no. 10 dated February 16, 1949, and

3. Two copies of Embassy note no. C-62 of February 17, 1949, to the Foreign Office, all concerning the arrest of Anna Louise Strong.

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Enclosure: As stated above.

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Moscow, February 15, 1949

No. 0-54

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and has the honor to inform the Ministry that it has learned, through announcement in the press, of the arrest on February 14, 1949 of the American correspondent Anna Louise STRONG. The Embassy has, however, received no official notification of this arrest.

In accordance with the agreement reached by exchange of correspondence between the President of the United States of America and the then People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in November 1933, the Embassy requests that it be officially notified of Miss Strong's arrest and of the charges against her, and that a representative of the Embassy be allowed to visit and interview her.

The Ministry's expeditious action on this request would be greatly appreciated.

To the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Moscow.

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No. 10

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics acknowledges the receipt of the Embassy's note of February 15 containing an inquiry regarding the arrest of the American journalist Anna Louise Strong by the appropriate Soviet organs and has the honor to state the following.

Miss Strong was arrested by the Soviet Organs State Security for conducting espionage-subversive activity aimed against the Soviet Union. According to information received from the competent Soviet organs, Miss Strong will be deported from the Soviet Union within a few days.

Moscow, February 16, 1949.

To the

Embassy of the United States of America,

Moscow.

Trans: JKEmmerson:mcs

INCOMING TELEGRAM

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№ 10.

Министерство Иностранных Дел Союза Советских Социалистических Республик подтверждает получение ноты Посольства от 15 февраля сего года, содержащей запрос относительно ареста соответствующими советскими органами американской журналистки Анны Лупзы Стронг и имеет честь сообщить следующее.

Г-жа Стронг арестована советскими органами государственной безопасности за проведение шпионско-подрывной деятельности, направленной против Советского Союза. Согласно полученным от компетентных советских органов сведениям, г-жа Стронг будет на этих днях выслана за пределы Советского Союза.

Москва, "16" февраля 1949 года.

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